

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
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INDIA'S POSITION IN WORLD IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the position of India among countries of the world in respect of human development;
- (b) the position thereof among the Asian countries; and
- (c) the reformative steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) In the Human Development Report 2001 of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India ranks 115 in the Human Development Index (HDI) among 162 nations and territories of the world.

(b) The ranks of our South Asian neighbours are:

Bangladesh - 132, Bhutan - 130,
Maldives - 77, Nepal - 129,
Pakistan - 127 and Sri Lanka - 81.

The ranks of some of the other countries of Asia are:

Singapore - 26, Republic of Korea - 27,
Bahrain - 40, Kuwait - 43,
United Arab Emirates - 45, Malaysia - 56,
Mauritius - 63, Lebanon - 65,
Thailand - 66, Fiji - 67,
Saudi Arabia - 68, Philippines - 70,
Turkey - 82, China - 87,
Jordan - 88, Viet Nam - 101,
Indonesia - 102, Myanmar - 118 and
Cambodia - 121.

(c) India has been consistently improving its HDI value from 0.406 in 1975 to 0.510 in 1990 and 0.571 in 1999. The improvement in the HDI in the 1990s has been due to the improvements in the income component as well as the Social Development indicators of the index.

Social Sector will receive adequate priority during the Tenth Five Year Plan which has commenced from the current year 2002-03.